



TEXAS
**RENT
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U.S. Treasury-Funded Texas Rent Relief Program

Texas is leading in providing rental assistance to those in need.

The Texas Rent Relief Program is a \$1.3 billion assistance program Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), built completely from scratch in just one month. The U.S. Department of Treasury provided funds and rules, but not program guidelines or system tools for delivery. TDHCA took on the enormous responsibility of building a system to accept applications, help tenants and landlords submit federally-mandated documentation, manage application files, and process eligibility while tracking large amounts of data and providing a historical record of the implementation in adherence with federal rules and requirements.

Comparing progress for large state allocations:

California

Total allocation (including units of local government): \$2,610,593,356.20
State-administered allocation:
\$1,497,605,326.90
State-administered program start date:
3/15/2021

Texas

Total allocation (including units of local government): \$1,946,983,603.80
State-administered allocation:
\$1,308,110,629.80
State-administered program start date:
2/15/2021

Florida

Total allocation (including units of local government): \$1,441,188,973.40
State-administered allocation:
\$871,237,608.50
State-administered program start date: TBD

New York

Total allocation (including units of local government): \$1,282,268,820.90
State-administered allocation:
\$800,652,297.60
State-administered program start date: TBD

*Of the **four states** that received more than **\$1 billion** in funding, **only Texas** launched its program in February. California followed a full month later.*

*Texas approved applications for U.S. Department of the Treasury's emergency rental assistance program **the same week** California began taking applications.*

Timeline

January 8, 2021: Federal Register issued from U.S. Department of Treasury (program development begins)

February 9, 2021: Texas announces program launch (only one month later)

February 15, 2021: Texas launches rental assistance application (coincides with major week-long snowstorm)

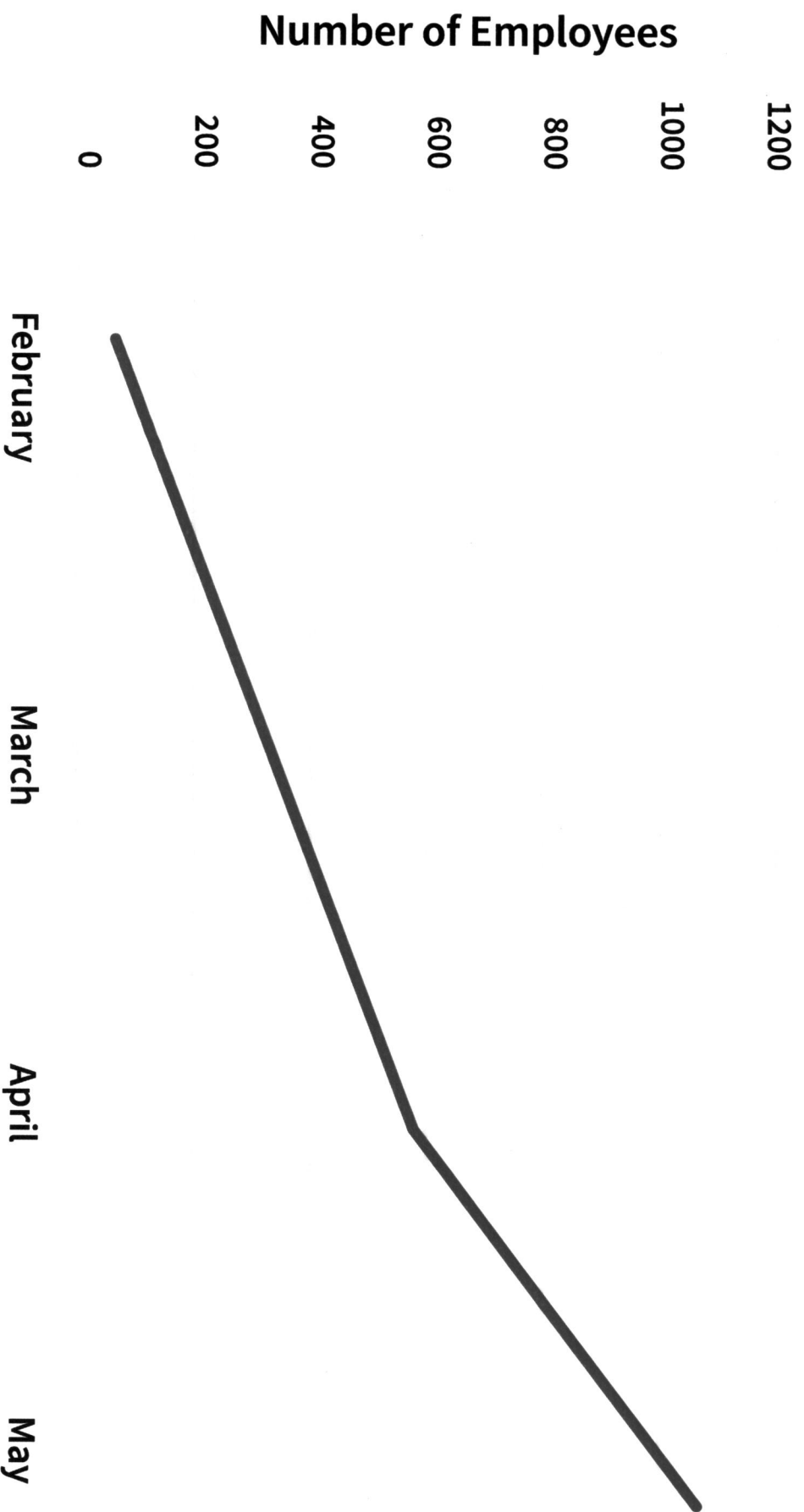
March 13, 2021: Program launches new computerized system (replaces insufficient vendor system)

March 15, 2021: California state-administered rental assistance application opens

March 17, 2021: Texas rental assistance payment approvals begin

**All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2021.
All funds must be distributed by December 31, 2022.**

Texas Rent Relief Program Vendor Staff



Payment In Process of Disbursement (\$)

